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Sir,

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated July 20, 2004. Please amend the above identified Application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

An Appendix including two annotated figures from the Casanova et al. (U.S. 5,031,075) patent are attached following page 11 of this paper.

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